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## Selectmen offer building commissioner position

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – The two selectmen present, Gregory O'Sullivan and Dylan Clark, voted to offer the position of regional building commissioner to William Cantell at a meeting Thursday, May 21.

All three Barre selectmen interviewed the only candidate, William Cantell, Tuesday, May 19 for the regional position that besides Barre as the lead town includes Hardwick, New Braintree and Petersham.

Select board members, Kenan Young of Hardwick and Nancy Allen of Petersham, also participated in the Zoom interview.

Cantell of Brimfield has over 30 years experience in the building field and served in the building inspector/commissioner capacity first in Southbridge and currently in Brimfield and Wales.

Barre selectmen took turns asking questions. When asked by selectman chair Matthew Urban why he was interested in this position, he said he was interested in the

area and it was close to where he lived. He said he has been working in small towns for 30 years and prefers the smaller communities after working in a large community like Southbridge.

Selectman O'Sullivan asked what experience he had enforcing zoning bylaws. He said there was an issue in Brimfield with a solar field expansion. He said the issue got resolved without having to go to court. In both towns, he set up a complaint report, which worked well.

Selectman Clark asked if he had experience with a difficult person and how he handled it. He said he would reach out to the individual, meet them in his office and come to an agreement. Cantell said communication was key and knowing the codes.

O'Sullivan said with the position he had to oversee the other inspectors such as electrical and plumbing. Cantell said he worked well with the other inspectors in the towns he serves. He said in Brimfield the plumbing inspector

was under the jurisdiction of the board of health, not the building department.

Hardwick selectman Young said he wanted to make sure there was good follow up and accountability. Young said he received complaints on the previous regional building inspector about not following up.

Selectman O'Sullivan asked if he would be available after a structure fire to inspect the property to determine if it could be occupied. He said yes that he is in the towns where he works now.

Selectman Clark asked Cantell if the board offered him the position when could he start. He said June 1.

After the interview and Cantell signed out, selectmen discussed the candidate. O'Sullivan said, "He seems like a knowledgeable person and I like him." Selectman Clark said he felt he was "able to do the job." Selectman Urban said he was "comfortable with what he offers."

Selectman Allen from

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## Finance committee meets with DPW

### Superintendent presents level funded budget

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – Department of Public Works (DPW) superintendent Jason Pimental said everything in his budget was level funded except salaries at the May 14 finance committee meeting. It included Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), step raises and union contracts. He said the DPW secretary position was 40 hours, but the secretary was working 35 hours due to her schedule. She will return to the 40 hours. Her hours are divided between water, sewer and highway.

When asked about the town barn account expenses at 113 percent, Pimental said some invoices went to the wrong place such as the new door opener. Pimental said the fuel pumps needed a software upgrade. He said if he had enough money left over in the fuel account, he possibly would use that to purchase the software.

The finance committee also asked about flood insurance for the DPW and Waste Treatment Plant. He said it was necessary as both locations were underwater in 1938. The finance committee asked if Hardwick was going to tie into Barre's sewer treatment facility. The superintendent said the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which was funding the Hardwick sewer upgrade, did not think the tie was feasible as it would be too expensive.

#### Capital expenses

The DPW superintendent when discussing capital expenditures said he could push out for another year the purchase of a 10-wheel dump truck. He also intended to purchase a used truck rather than new. He also said an all season dump body to replace a dump body from 1980 was also on the capital list. He said cost was \$65,000.

#### CARES Act

Interim town administrator Heather Munroe gave the finance committee an update on the Corona virus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act. She said she participated in a CARES Act conference earlier in the week. It would cover COVID-19 expenses from March 1 to Dec. 31, 2020 not funded by FEMA or the Department of Public Health. It would include Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), cleaning and additional software as well as the 25 percent the town pays as its share of the 75 percent FEMA

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## Getting ready for Memorial Day



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BARRE -Barre Firefighter Zach Glidden and American Legion Commander Dennis Fleming recently power washed the War Memorial Monuments on Barre Common.

Dennis Fleming took a photo of the WW III – Korean Monument as it was drying.

He said the wet spots appear to be a figure of someone reaching up holding the

etched sword in the center of the monument and in lower right section of the monument there appear to be three figures.

## Selectmen to hold STM before ATM June 30

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – The Oakham Board of Selectmen voted to hold a Special Town Meeting (STM) before the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Tuesday, June 30.

Selectman chair Bradford Taylor said the town needed to hold a special town meeting before the end of the fiscal year to deal with funding of the highway dump truck. Voters approved the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department at last year's annual town meeting and then approved a debt exclusion vote at a special town election in September.

The attorney general said the ballot question was not valid because of the wording of the question. The highway department

purchased the truck right after the election. The town used funds from the highway department budget to cover the cost. The finance committee recommended using either free cash or stabilization.

Selectmen voted to hold a special town meeting at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 30 before the annual town meeting at 7 p.m. They voted to open the STM warrant at the Tuesday, May 26 meeting at 7:33 p.m. and closed it at 7:35 p.m. The STM had just one article for the funding of the highway truck.

The board also voted to hold the STM and ATM at the fire station as they were not sure if the school would be available for the meeting. Board of Health public nurse, Aaron Langlois, said the fire station

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## Hardwick to hold Town Election on June 16

### Special and Annual Town Meetings also scheduled

HARDWICK -- In accordance with Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, the Board of Selectmen have voted to reschedule the Hardwick Annual Town Election from Monday, April 13, to Tuesday, June 16, at the Hardwick Elementary School located at 76 School House Drive. This law also established and allowed for several things relevant to voter registration, the election date, ballots and other materials, voting in person and alternatives to voting in person such as

absentee voting.

In addition Governor Charles Baker signed a COVID-19 Order #13, on March 23, which limits gathering to 10 or fewer people, Order #13 shall not apply to any municipal legislative body, the General Court or the Judiciary. That being said a notice of the rescheduled election date and a sample ballot are available on the town's website [www.townofhardwick.com](http://www.townofhardwick.com) and on [www.mytown-government.org/01031](http://www.mytown-government.org/01031).

A voter registration session will take place at the Municipal Building, 307 Main St, on Friday, June 5, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

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## Barre Farmers' Market opens for season



Turley Publications Photos by Ellenor Downer

The Barre Farmers' Market opened for the season last Saturday. The market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BARRE – The Barre Farmers' Market opened two weeks later than usual. The market had a few new policies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The vendors spaced tables further apart than in previous years. Yellow tape marked off the area so shoppers entered and exited the area at designated areas. There was a hand sanitizing area as they entered with disposable gloves available. All vendors and shoppers must wear facemasks.

For opening day, there were about ten vendors selling flowers, vegetables flats, crafts, soaps, cloth masks, rhubarb, greeting cards and more. There will be fruits and vegetables in season. The market is open every Saturday now through October on the Barre South Common in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



This vendor at the Barre Farmers' Market sells cloth facemasks in three sizes: adult, child and toddler along with other handcrafted items.

## Friday market opens May 29

PETERSHAM — The Petersham Friday Market will open for the 2020 season on May 29 from 3-6 p.m. on the town common. As in previous years, the market will feature produce, meat, eggs, craft items, and healthcare information. The season will run for 20 weeks at the same time every Friday until October.

Friday Market vendors vary weekly, but include about a dozen people who offer organic and other produce from local farms and gardens within the Pioneer Valley. Offerings include started plants of many kinds, locally raised meat, local eggs, baked goods, home-baked dog treats, local honey, hand-made soaps and other items.

The common is handicap accessible, and as in the past, the market is open free of charge to patrons, regular and occasional vendors, and information booths staffed by social service and health care agencies, who share information about their programs and services. The market relies on donations and grants to

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Counting turtles



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Hazel Carter works on an art project outside. She is using forsythia blossoms in her artwork.

Third grader keeps busy with remote learning



Hazel Carter, a third grade student at Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre participates in remote learning from her computer at her study area in her home. outside.

Rutland Pharmacy becomes COVID-19 test site

RUTLAND –The Rutland Pharmacy, 18 Maple Avenue, now offers free COVID-19 test collection. Rutland Pharmacy partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide testing to the public free of charge to help address the COVID-19 crisis. Rutland Pharmacy staff will provide extra support to Rutland patients during COVID-19 recovery efforts with appointment based drive-through test collection. WHERE:

Patients can make appointments for testing at DoINeedACovid19Test.com. They should include name, email, how and why for an appointment-for the drive-through COVID-19 test collec-

tion for pre- screened individuals.

Coronavirus symptoms and testing

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. If individuals have a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or a new loss of taste or smell, they should consider testing. Updated CDC guidelines now also recommend testing for people with and without symptoms under certain conditions. Rutland Pharmacy will provide drive-through testing options for eligible patients. The test is self-administered with a nasal swab and once the sample

kit is sealed, Rutland Pharmacy staff submits the test to the lab for processing. Results are ready in three to five business days.

“We need widespread coronavirus testing now. We all want life to return to normal and one way to help is more COVID-19 testing options,” said Dr. Fred Lamas, RPh, Rutland Pharmacy. “We’re proud to serve Rutland in efforts to fight this virus.” The Rutland Pharmacy number is 508-886-6262.

The website infrastructure for DoINeedACovid19Test.com and laboratory services are provided by eTrueNorth, the U.S.- based healthcare technology company that enables laboratory testing at retail pharmacies. eTrueNorth is a contractor of HHS.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of June 1.

Meal sites are closed. There is only delivery of Meals on Wheels.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Chicken Mornay, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, butterscotch pudding, diet = sugar free vanilla pudding, marble rye bread

TUES. – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, yogurt, whole wheat bread

WED. – Roast turkey and gravy, cranberry herb stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, cinnamon pears, French bread

THURS. – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

FRI. – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, tomato and cucumber salad, melon, sandwich roll

\*Diabetic friendly dessert

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Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.



Round Town

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Dog licenses due June 1 to avoid fee

All dogs six months of age and older must have a valid rabies certificate and be licensed with the town every year. 2019 dog and kennel licenses expired March 31. 2020 dog and kennel licenses were due April 1. A late fee of \$20 per dog will be charged for all dogs licensed on or after June 1. Applications are available at www.townofbarre.com or by calling 978-355-2594 extension 5 or by emailing clerk@townofbarre.com. Cost is \$15 for unaltered dogs and \$10 for a neutered or spayed dog. All unpaid balances will be carried forward. Applications and accompanying information and payment should be dropped off in the locked box outside of Henry Woods Building or mailed to the Town Clerk; P.O. Box 418; Barre, MA 01005 and should include a check made payable to the Town of Barre, copy of a valid rabies certificate, copy of last year license or application and a self addressed stamped envelope for the license and tag to be mailed back to owner.

Farmers market

The Barre Farmers’ Market is Saturdays at 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common. The farmers’ market runs from May to October.

Honoring graduates

The Barre Congregational Church will be honoring anyone graduating this year. People should email information to barrechurch@gmail.com with name, where they are graduating and future plans.

Town election June 23

The Barre Board of Selectmen voted to hold the annual town election Tuesday, June 23 at its April 21 meeting. Both precincts will be open and polling hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

QRSD meal distribution days

The Quabbin Regional School District Food Service Department is distributing breakfast and lunch for all students in the district, age 18 and under. People do not have to attend a Quabbin school to participate. Distribution takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday while school is closed. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch will be distributed from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School and the Quabbin Middle and High School. If parents have difficulty with transportation for food pickup, they may contact the Central Office at 978-355-4668 or email schoolmeals@qrsd.org.

SNAP assistance

Anyone recently laid off due to the coronavirus may call Eileen Clarkson, HS-BCP, CDP, MS, MPA, director of the Barre Senior Center at 774-764-8702 for assistance in applying for the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Nature Club announces scavenger hunt winner

RUTLAND - The Ware River Nature Club announces Ted Purcell of Rutland submitted his photographs worth 42 points to win its second “virtual field trip” scavenger hunt. His prize was a choice of one of the many excellent, fine-quality books about nature, ecology, birding and gardening that they recently acquired. Kudos to Ted for finding and capturing some challenging items on the list. Some of his photos are up on the website: www.warerivernatureclub.org/past-events-2019-2020.html. A third outdoor scavenger hunt suitable for individuals, twosomes, or three people practicing suggested safety guidelines will be announced in June.

Turtle count

The following people counted turtles in the May 21 Barre Gazette. James and Lizzie Laramée counted 5 turtles Barbara Kempski counted 5 turtles. There were 5 turtles in the edition.



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# News of the Towns

## Hubbardston

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## Town buildings closed until at least June 1

As of now, Town Offices, Public Safety Buildings, the Hubbardston Senior Center, library and Recreational Courts (basketball and skate park) will remain closed to the public until June 1.

### Egg delivery time changes

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed for the time being. The time for egg delivery on Fridays changed to 10 a.m. to noon. There will be no fresh produce until further notice. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

### Council on Aging

Due to COVID-19 virus the town wide yard sale will be moved up to September. The Council on Aging will start taking donations for town wide yard sale as soon as the danger of COVID-19 is over.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: All meetings are closed to the public and will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Cemetery Commission – May 28 at 11 a.m.  
Finance Committee – May 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – June 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – June 2 at 6 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – June 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 2 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – June 3 at 1 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – June 4 at 3 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 8 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – June 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – June 8 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – June 9 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – June 10 at 7 p.m.  
Annual Town Election – June 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Annual Town Meeting – June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Health – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – June 4 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – June 8 at 5:30 p.m. and July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – June 8 and June 22, July 6 and July 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – June 11 at 9:30 a.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – June 12 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – June 16 at 5:30 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – June 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 16 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Assessors – June 1 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 2 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – June 6 at 10 a.m.  
Town Center Committee – June 18 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – June 30 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Planning Board – May 28 at 7 p.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – June 1 and June 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 4 and June 18 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – June 11 at 7 p.m.  
Petersham Historic District – June 18 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Selectboard – May 28 at 6 p.m.  
Finance Committee – May 28 and June 1 at 6 p.m.  
Annual Town Election – June 22

## Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

MOC CFCE temporarily suspended playgroups and other family events until at least through May. Governor Baker declared a state of emergency hoping to contain the spread of the coronavirus across the Commonwealth. The Parent Child Plus program will continue to operate with your Early Learning Specialist continuing to visit with enrolled.

Massachusetts 4-H programs, activities and club meetings are cancelled until further notice. This includes advisory councils, fair boards, horse advisories and events. Groups are allowed to meet virtually.

Oakham Congregational Church will not hold Sunday worship service through May.

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least through May. The time for egg delivery on Fridays changed to 10 a.m. to noon. There will be no fresh produce until further notice. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

The Gardner Museum, following recommendations from local and state health officials and American Alliance of Museums guidelines in response to ongoing COVID-19 prevention measures, will be closed to the public effective immediately until at least through May.

Stage on Main, 17 South Main St., Orange has suspended all events until at least through May as a precaution against COVID-19.

Fobes Memorial Library in Oakham will be closed to the public until at least through May. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

All Barre Town Buildings will be closed at least until at least through May to the public, except by appointment and include the Henry Woods Building, Woods Memorial

Library, the Council on Aging (senior center), old Town Hall, the public safety building, fire stations and DPW. Please call an office before visiting in many cases staff is able to assist over the phone or by mail. Meals on Wheels program and wellness checks for seniors will continue.

The town of Hubbardston is closing all town buildings to the public until at least through May. Offices will continue to provide services of the government to residents. The closure will result in the delivery of services remotely. All public safety operations will continue.

The Haston Free Public Library in North Brookfield library trustees decided to close the library effective immediately until at least through May. Library staff will be on site for short periods Monday through Thursday to collect mail and respond to phone messages.

East Quabbin Land Trust postponed its 19th annual dinner and silent auction to Saturday, Sept. 19.

EQLT rescheduled its accessible trail workday to June 21.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced the Quabbin Visitor's Center is closed to the public, though the property is accessible. Those accessing the property are reminded that vehicles must exit at the posted time.

The Grandview Tenants Association has changed their annual raffle and bazaar from the beginning of June to the beginning of October this year.

Theatre at the Mount's "Honky Tonk Angels" (June) has been officially cancelled and they will make a decision about their August production of "Newsies." It is too early to predict what will happen with the rest of the season but they hope to resume normal operations as soon as it is safely possible.

performances (June). For questions about tickets, people may contact box-office@mwcc.mass.edu. For other issues and concerns, please contact Professor Gail Steele at g\_steele@mwcc.mass.edu.

Tri-Parish Community Church 2020 Plant, Bake, Tag, and Craft Sale originally scheduled for May 30 and 31 has been cancelled for this year. The annual event will be back the first weekend in June 2021.

Because the safety of auxiliary members is the major concern, all American Legion Post 2 Auxiliary functions have been cancelled until further notice. Members will be kept informed as to when meetings will resume.

Wachusett Greenways events are cancelled through June 30. During this time the portable restrooms are removed from the Mass Central Rail Trail to protect from spreading the virus. Please greet others on the trail with a smile or wave as you pass at a good distance. Do not pass closely or draw near to people or pets on the trail.

Massachusetts Wildlife Management Areas are open, fishing is open and trout stocking will continue.

Bay State Equine Rescue (BSER) president Susan Sheridan announced the cancellation of the 5K Run Like the Dickens slated for July 12, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, the race has been very well attended, but the safety and well-being of the runners, supporters and volunteers is the top priority. The race is held at Old Sturbridge Village.

Holden Days scheduled for Aug. 22 has been cancelled. It will return next year Aug. 28, 2021.

Sterling Fair scheduled for Sept. 11-13 has been cancelled. It will return in 2021.

## Oakham

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## Town seeks volunteers

The board of selectmen currently seeks volunteers to serve on the board of health and finance committee. People interested should contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at 508-882-5549, extension 300 or email ashley.sturges@oakham-ma.gov.

### Church

The Oakham Congregational Church will remain closed through the month of May due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The church plans to reopen Sunday, June 7.

### BSER cancels 5K race

Bay State Equine Rescue (BSER) president Susan Sheridan announced the cancellation of the 5K Run Like the Dickens slated for July 12, 2020 at Old Sturbridge Village due to the COVID-19 pandemic. BSER located in Oakham is a large-animal shelter specializing in equines and has an all-volunteer group called to support and care for neglected, abused and abandoned horses. BSER is exclusively publicly supported, which means it relies on fundraisers and donations to operate. Like many organizations, the pandemic has put us a terrible financial position. Donations have decreased and the organization has cancelled fundraisers. People are asked to consider making a donation to BSER. They may mail a check to Bay State Equine Rescue, 415 Hunt Road, Oakham, MA 01068. With continued help, BSER is committed to continuing Run Like the Dickens in the future and so much more. People that already registered for the race and want a refund should email kmo@baystate-equinerescue.com.

### Town hall

The Oakham Town Hall is closed to the public until at least the end of May. All public meetings will be physically closed to the public. The Oakham Police Department and Fire Department will always respond immediately to all 911 emergencies.

### Fobes Memorial Library

The Fobes Memorial Library will be closed to the public through at least May at which time the situation will be re-assessed. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

## QRSD meal distribution days

The Quabbin Regional School District Food Service Department is distributing breakfast and lunch for all students in the district, age 18 and under. People do not have to attend a Quabbin school to participate. Distribution takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday while school is closed. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch will be distributed from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School and the Quabbin Middle and High School.

If parents have difficulty with transportation for food pickup, they may contact the Central Office at 978-355-4668 or email schoolmeals@qrsd.org.

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### How COVID-19 hits home.

Here in the North Quabbin region, we're seeing unprecedented demand for food assistance. Local food pantries and homeless shelters are rising to the challenge to help our most at-risk populations. But they can't do it alone.

### What it means to be a "community bank."

At Athol Savings Bank, we know what it means to be a community bank. Since 1867, we've helped North Quabbin towns survive the Great Depression, two world wars and scores of other hard times.

For over 150 years, we've been guided by service to our community. And we're not about to stop now.

### How we're helping those who need it most.

In May, Athol Savings Bank will make \$1,000 donations to seven local food banks:

- Winchendon Community Action Council
- Barre Food Pantry at the Congregational Church
- Gardner Community Action Committee
- Templeton Food Pantry in Baldwinville
- Athol Salvation Army Corp
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Opinion

Guest Column

The Frogs of Spring

By Mohawk Johnny

Back when I was in my knickers, I fancied I'd grow up to be a herpetologist. This was after I learned herpetologists study reptiles and amphibians. That had to be the best job in the world as far as I was concerned. I spent much of my spare time searching out and catching snakes—my favorite objects in the world—along with toads, frogs, and salamanders whenever an opportunity presented itself. I literally left no stone or board unturned. But, in the end, the realities of economics couldn't be overcome and I became a tradesman—another dream goes west...

Hey I can still pretend, so last week I was taking a census of the frogs in my front-yard pond. I detected not less than ten green frogs, Lithobates clamitans, a smaller relative of the bullfrog, L. catesbeianus. It struck me as odd that there were only green frogs, but I surmised that due to the small size of the pond, other frogs simply defer to the green frogs, which will eat literally anything they can get into their gobs. It's just an unsafe neighborhood for the smaller wood frogs, spring peepers and grey tree frogs.

In the early evening, I sat on my front porch, sipping on a sun-downer and listening to some of the last of this season's spring peepers, Pseudacris crucifer, which are also tree frogs, doing what they do in the privacy of the many vernal ponds in the surrounding woods. Their high-pitched, occasionally vibrato-embellished peeping is among those first, true sounds of spring—preceded, usually by only a day or two, by the duck-like squawking of wood frogs, L. sylvaticus. The wood frogs had weeks ago ended their amorous carrying on, but the peepers extend their libidinous evening choruses well into the grey tree frog's bite at the apple. The grey tree frog, Hyla versicolor, as it happens, was now taking the stage—I took a sip of my beverage and tuned in...

These tree frogs possess quite a vocal range and have no small talent for trill and vibrato. A flock of turkeys across the road decided to chime in as if they had something to add to the conversation. It seemed to grow into something between dueling banjos and a disturbance in the zoo's monkey house. At length, the turkeys decided they were not reading from the same sheet of music and politely disengaged. It was getting dark now, and I'd finished my drink. The tree frogs continued without me. That was okay; spring's not over yet, and tomorrow's another day.

Another favorite fragrant flower

It's safe to say that peonies played a pretty important role in my childhood and what would turn out to be a blossoming love of horticulture. Because my birthday is in early June, we have numerous snapshots of yours truly blowing out the candles with a bouquet of frilly pink flowers in the background. My mom still has the two original plants growing near her porch, and they date back to her grandmother who grew them in the 1930s. Although the flowers fall into the old-fashioned category, they continue to be popular in modern gardens because of their fragrance and form, not to mention their longevity. Here are some tips to keep your peonies thriving for years to come.

Planting Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years. If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure. Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

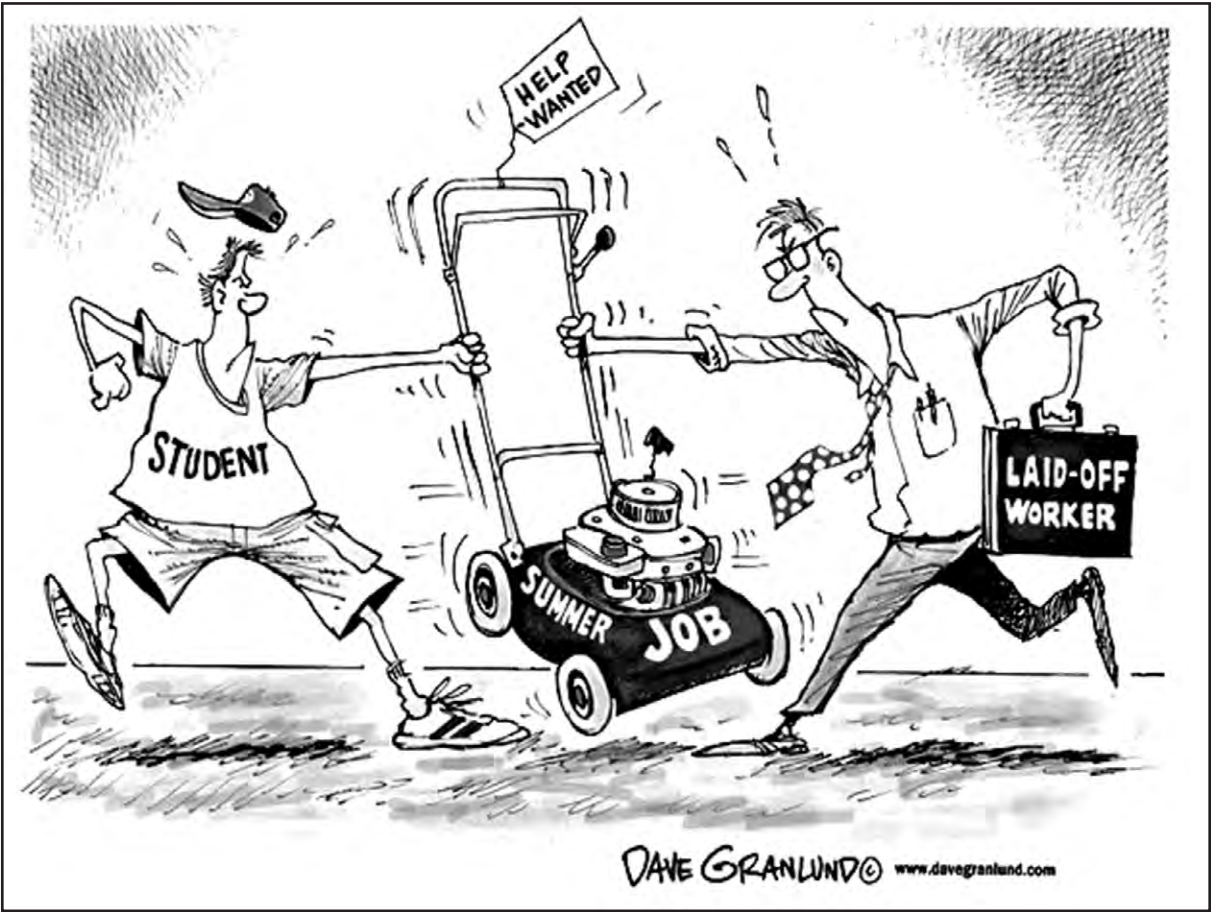
Mail order plants usually arrive bare root. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting. When it comes time to plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and thaw.

Fertilizing and watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after

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In Past Pages

5 years ago (May 28, 2015)

Parents Magazine named "The Mitten" by Barre native, Jessica Southwick, one of the Best Children's Books of 2014. The magazine says Southwick's story "packs plenty of action" and awarded it the coveted top-ten spot in the pop-up book category. "I was surprised and delighted by the honor," said Southwick. "Though, most of the credit goes to the incredible illustrator, Pippa Curnick and paper engineer, Yevgeniya Yeretskaya, for creating such a beautiful book." "The Mitten" is the second children's book Southwick has published through Jumping Jack Press. Jessica Southwick is a writer, illustrator, designer and hand-letterer that grew up in Barre. She studied English and writing at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and The University of Westminster in London and went on to study design at The University of Baltimore.

Quabbin senior Griffin Bennett received the McDonald's McScholar Athlete Award in which he was honored at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

Andrea C. Cimbrello, of North Brookfield, received The Roger W. Babson Award at Bryant University's 152nd Commencement on May 16. This award is presented to a graduating senior who is distinguished within the university community for his or her character, orderly mind, sound judgment and systematic business habits. Cimbrello received a Bachelor of Science in business administration in finance Magna Cum Laude. Founded in 1863, Bryant University has approximately 3,500 graduate and undergraduate students from 33 states and 85 countries.

10 years ago (June 3, 2010)

Barre residents Lauren and Tracy McDonald, along with Sandy Bolger and Sandy Williams of Shrewsbury, crossed the finish line for Project Bread's 20-mile Walk for Hunger. This year's event raised 3.8 million with the help of 42,000 walkers and volunteers. The funds raised will buy food for families in need next winter.

The dedication of the new arch and other improvements including tree trimming and walkway improvements were part of the Oakham Memorial Day Ceremony. Every year a bus leaves the Oakham Town Hall parking lot to travel to the cemeteries in town to place American flags on the veterans' graves. The stop at Green Hollow Cemetery included the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony by the arch that leads to the walkway and cemetery located on Crawford Road. Edie Mathis and Eva Grimes coordinated the work. Lee Tavares restored the arch in his workshop on Rutherford Road over the winter. Jeffrey Young, president of the Oakham Historical Association gave a history of the cemetery that began as a private burial ground for the Goodale family.

LOOK BACK  
Memorial Day - 2006



Senator Brewer shares a lighter moment with Sgt.-At-Arms Michael Kowal after his speech on the Barre Common.

Troop 98 of the Boy Scouts of American (BSA) recently met to recognize achievements of its members. The troop, which is sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, met at the church building, 108 New Braintree Road. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, followed by the Scout Oath and Law, both led by Brayden Burdick. An opening prayer was offered by Dan Washington. Five merit badges were presented to four members of the troop by Scoutmaster Mark Johnson and Assistant Scoutmaster Christ McGrath. Those receiving badges were Paul and Dan Washington from Warren, Brayden Burdick from Fiskdale and Jacob Borelli from Wheelwright. Rank achievements were also recognized: Paul Washington received the tenderfoot award, Kyle Aldrich (West Warren) the scout award and Brayden Burdick the second-class scout award. The other members of Troop 98 are Josh Allen of North Brookfield, Ashby Cullen of Barre, Tyler Davis of East Brookfield and Hyrum Wright of Rochdale.

25 years ago (June 1, 1995)

Barre Assembly No. 114, International order of the Rainbow for Girls held a reception at the Masonic Hall for its 1994-1995 grand officers: Kerrie-Ann Better, Past Worthy Advisor, Grand Rainbow Flag Bearer and Grand Representative of Nebraska; and Michelle Casey, Past Worthy Advisor, Grand Representative of California and New Jersey. Five Grand Officers attended the afternoon event as well as the Grand Deputy, Elizabeth Rugg of Sterling. Kerrie-Ann and Michelle held their grand officer projects in October and donated their profits to the Rainbow Camp Fund.

John F. Sullivan, son of James Sullivan and the late Betty Sullivan of Barre, was recently appointed editor of a new publication in Dover, N.H., the Dover Times. John graduates from Quabbin Regional High School and studied at the University of Massachusetts and the University of Southern Maine. He began his career at the Portland Press Herald in Maine where he worked in the sports department. Later he was a report-

er for Foster's Daily Democrat in Dover, N.H. The first edition of the Dover Times was Feb. 16, the same day John's late maternal grandmother would have celebrated her 100th birthday.

The winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Oakham Lions Club in memory of charter member Robert Wile were Martha Kirber and Patrick Stenger. This year's topic was "What does the victory in Europe in 1945 mean to us today?" Martha and Patrick read their essays at the Memorial Day exercises, May 29.

38 years ago (June 2, 1982)

Officers for the coming year, 1982-83, were elected at a recent meeting of the Barre Lions Club. King Lion Frank Roberts was elected for another term. Other officers re-elected were Joseph Grondin, first vice president; Richard Whipple, second vice president; John McDermott, third vice president; Robert Bacon, treasurer; Dana Mascroft, secretary; Wayne Cauvin, tail twister; Robert Bettors, lion tamer. Also elected were Ronald Parse, assistant treasurer and Timothy Mylott, assistant secretary and correspondent. Elected to the board of directors were Frank Roberts, Dana Mascroft, Robert Bacon, Stewart Reed, Harry Prescott, Clifford Keddy and Edward Lyons. Installing officer was Joseph Camarda of the Leicester Lions Club.

Daniel P. Breen, artist, scholar, and outdoorsman, died Monday in Holden District Hospital after an illness. He was 76. A resident of Grandview Terrace, Barre, Mr. Breen was born in Boston, the son of Daniel A. and Anna Breen. He grew up in Hardwick and graduated from the University of New Hampshire. He moved to Barre in 1945. For many years before World War II, Mr. Breen was employed in Worcester and in New York as a theatrical painter. During the war he was a draftsman for Harrington and Richardson Arms in Worcester. Throughout his adult life, Mr. Breen was a practicing artist. Portraits by him hang in Worcester's City and G.A.R. Halls and at Holy Cross College. It was

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Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I have been telling Missy that I am not sure I want to tell a story about an escapee this week. I have had so many through the years that I am not sure how many I have repeated.

Perhaps I should take a rest from my weekly spouting. "Oh, Gertrude," Missy says, "Your readers will be so disappointed if you do that. Many of them read your column first and then read the rest of the paper. Just because you are feeling your old age, 18 years, there is no need to stop."

I guess Missy is right. If the truth be known, I really enjoy remembering all the fun I have had over the years and continue to have. Missy is always doing something to arouse my curiosity each week.

So far, I have no idea what to talk about this week. Maybe if I watch my birdies for a while today an idea will emerge. The orioles hardly give the humming-birds time to drink and the red squirrel is the biggest seed hog. My bunny friend has not been back lately, but I will check it again tonight.

Today is Missy's 93rd birthday and many of the family will be here with a cake I am sure. I'll look forward to a few crumbs for treat tonight.

I am glad I don't have to wear a mask like the family members do when they go out in public places. My whiskers would never stand right out straight if I had to wear a mask and I do pride myself on keeping them nice and clean along with my paws.

Missy says she has to wash her hands several times a day. Thank goodness, I only have to clean my paws twice, once in the morning and once after supper.

Oh dear, what to tell my friends this week. Maybe nothing and see what happens.

Love,  
Gertrude



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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

With this warm weather the trees are leafed out and things are growing fast in the gardens. The crab apple tree in the front yard is in full bloom and the birds are enjoying the bird feeders in that tree. We did have a visitor or two to the feeders so I have been bringing them in at night. I found a raccoon in the tree when I got up one morning and something has eaten one of my larger hostas under the tree.

Ken picked some rhubarb from his garden for me so I am going to make my favorite rhubarb crisp.

My friend, Nancy, sent me this about rhubarb several years ago. Rhubarb is technically a member of the buckwheat family and therefor is a vegetable and not a fruit. The earliest records of rhubarb date back to China in 2700 B.C. where it was used for medicinal purposes. Also, commonly called "pie plant," it is used today in cooking pies and other desserts, in jam, chutneys and sauces and in some main dishes and salads.

### RHUBARB DELIGHT

1 cup flour  
3/4 cup brown sugar

2/3 cup quick oatmeal  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup melted butter  
4 cups diced rhubarb  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1 cup water  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine the flour, brown sugar, oatmeal, cinnamon, chopped walnuts and butter. Spread 2/3 of this mixture into a greased 9 by 9 inch baking dish. Cover with 4 cups rhubarb. Mix 3/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons cornstarch and combine well. Add 1 cup water. Bring this to a slow boil and cook over low heat until it becomes clear in color. Add the vanilla. Pour over rhubarb. Top with remaining 1/3 crumb mixture. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

### This and That

I've learned that I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" Makes my day.

I finally decided to bring my houseplants out onto the deck and table that I have on the deck. I also bought the plants that I needed for the pots and containers. I got two large bags of potting soil and also filled the plant box, which will have tomato plants. I planted the hollyhock seedlings and hopefully I will have a good crop of hollyhocks next year. I only have one plant this year.

My youngest daughter came up on Sunday to help me set up my new iPad that my oldest daughter gave me for Mother's Day. Hopefully I will be able to know how to use it.

I have decorated the house for Memorial Day and 4th of July with flags and wreaths. My friend, Becky, made me a lovely patriotic table runner that I used and put miniature flags in a container on the runner. I made a grapevine wreath for the den door and put various patriotic characters on it with jute and a large red, white and blue ribbon.

I hope everyone is wearing masks in public and washing their hands and staying safe. Have a good week.

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Petersham said she liked him a lot.

Selectman Young from Hardwick said he had no issue with Barre selectmen hiring him. However, he mentioned Cantell's attitude on office hours as he said it was a waste of his time to sit in an office. He said he was avail-

able anytime by phone. The Barre selectmen then set a meeting for Thursday, May 21 to take a vote.

At the Thursday, May 21 selectmen's meeting interim town administrator Heather Munroe contacted references. She said the references from a DPW director, town administrative assistant and a state building inspector were all favorable. Comments included "very good,"

"dives into problems and finding solutions" and "very good at follow through."

Selectman O'Sullivan said he liked the idea of holding some office hours in the four towns. Selectman Clark said he would be a good asset to the town. The two selectmen present voted to offer William Cantell employment as regional building commissioner.

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funding. Unlike FEMA funding where the town has to wait until the pandemic threat is over to receive funds, the town can file an application now.

### 1/12 budget

Interim town administrator Munroe said the school districts were familiar with a 1/12 budget. She said the state took the lead from school districts for municipalities in case they do not hold a town meeting by June 30. She said the Division of Local Services recommended that towns apply for permis-

sion for a 1/12 budget in case they do not hold town meeting. She said if the town holds the meeting in June, scheduled for June 30, the application request would "go away." She said a 1/12 budget takes the general operating budget from the previous year and divides it by 12 to determine monthly allotment cap of money. She said the selectmen would approve the application for the general budget and the sewer and water commissioners for the sewer and water departments.

Munroe said the town did not have any debt payments due in July. However, the first assessment payment for the Quabbin Regional School District was due in July. It

is about \$1.4 million and would be a problem. She said possibly the town could make arrangements to due monthly payments.

Interim town administrator Munroe said the Quabbin Regional School District committee talked about taking one million dollars saved from this year to use toward lowering town assessments in next year's budget. The committee did not take a vote yet. If they do, it would lower Barre's assessment to less than this year.

### Budget hearing

The finance committee plans to hold its budget hearing June 4. Finance committee chair Claire Adomaitis said it could be Zoom meeting.

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cover expenses.

That's what's the same. What's different are the new rules put in place to protect the health and welfare of our customers and vendors.

Social Distancing - The common will be divided and vendor stations will be positioned to promote "social distancing," with people maintaining a space of at least six feet from one another. Signage will reinforce this requirement.

Crowd Control - Customers will be limited to no more than 10-15 customers per 1,000 square feet at any one time. Customers do this calculation. They are encouraged to shop alone, if possible, and to leave dogs at home unless they are service animals.

Disinfecting - Market managers, staff and vendors will clean any touched objects and surfaces frequently and will limit the handling of produce and products by customers at vendor tables and sales points until the sale is complete.

Help us all stay safe - Please do

not come to the market if you are feeling sick.

Vendors will be wearing masks and using gloves where appropriate. People attending are asked to do the same. The mask is a requirement here in Massachusetts.

Please do not bring reusable bags. Vendors will use paper or single-use plastic bags.

For more information, people may contact Roy Nilson at 978-724-6662 or by email at fridaymarket@petershamcommon.com or visit www.petershamcommon.com.

## In My Backyard by Ellenor Downer

I received an email from an Oakham resident last week. She said, "I saw a bird with very unusual markings on the front lawn. I'd never seen it before and ran to look it up. It was a male bobolink, such a unique color pattern. So nice to have a new sighting for my bird list."

The bobolink is seven inches long and inhabits hayfields and grasslands. The male has a black head and black body with a yellow on the back of the head and nape. A white rump is visible in flight. The female is buff with brown streaks on the back and flanks. She has dark streaks on the crown and a dark line behind the eye. In winter, the male looks like the summer female. Tall feathers in both sexes are sharply pointed.

Bobolinks feed on the ground eating insects, weed and grass seeds. In the south, they eat cultivated rice crops. Their song is a long bubbling sound given by the male in flight. The call is a "pink."

The female lays four to six cinnamon colored eggs with brown blotches in a nest of coarse grasses and sedge lined with finer materials located on the ground. Studies show that hayfields cut before the young fledge can kill as many as 80 percent of young bobolinks.

### Barre birds

A Barre resident called to say he has "tons" of Baltimore orioles and they eat lots of oranges and jelly. He now has indigo buntings.

### Petersham sighting

A Petersham resident recently walked by her sliding door and looked out on the ground to see a beautiful indigo bunting. She said, "We had more than one a couple of years ago at our feeder." She did not see any last year. She said, "This one only stayed a few minutes for a pick-me-up of bird seed and gone again."

### Brimfield birds

Since being forced to stay in



Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this male bobolink

more a Brimfield couple have been observing many species of birds. They have two pair of cardinals that come and sit outside the window pretty much every day. They frequently see one male and three female rose-breasted grosbeaks, red winged blackbirds, Baltimore orioles, male and female brown headed cowbirds and red-bellied, hairy and downy woodpeckers. They also have many regulars like gold, house and purple finches, chickadees, nuthatches, tufted titmouse and morning doves.

### Sandhill crane

I received an email from a man hiking in Fiskdale with his wife. He said, "My wife and I spotted a large bird we had never seen before while hiking the beautiful Army Corp of Engineers dam in Fiskdale just off Rte. 20 west of the Brimfield line."

### Holyoke sighting

A Holyoke resident said, "My husband put our hummingbird feeder out last week, then took it in a few days later because of temp and wind. He put it back out yesterday and we had a little visitor a few hours ago. It made my day to see the hummingbird come back to our Holyoke backyard."

### Oakham birds

An Oakham resident said in an

email, "I stepped out on Saturday morning for the first time in weeks, I went to the Hardwick Co-Op to buy vegetable plants for my garden. While I was there, I bought a Baltimore oriole nectar feeder. I am so pleased with the design, it will be so much easier to clean than the previous one I had." Saturday afternoon she saw an oriole take a drink from it. She also has oranges and jelly out for them. She also sees them eat from the suet feeder. She said, "This year I have four male and two female orioles coming to my feeders and singing in my yard. I also have three male rose-breasted grosbeaks and at least one female along with the usual backyard birds, cardinals, red wing black birds, grackles, tufted titmouse, nuthatches, blue jays, chickadees, phoebes, morning doves, gold and purple finches, downy and red bellied wood peckers, with gray squirrels, chipmunks and a turkey on the ground. It's a busy time at the feeders. I am keeping my fingers crossed, no bears have paid a visit."

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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would be a better choice as it did not require voters to walk through a corridor and had several entrances. Selectmen concurred and said if the weather were nice, the bay doors to the fire station would be open to circulate fresh air.

Langlois said town meetings were exempt from the number limit of gatherings. Masks must be worn by all people attending the meeting unless they have a medical exemption for wearing a mask. He also said if a participant refused to wear a mask without having a medical exemption, they could be turned away.

### CARES Act

The board of selectmen voted to move forward on its request for Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act for funds up to \$173,073. Administrative assistant Ashley Sturgis said the deadline to file an online request was June 5. The town had to put in an amount up

to the town's limit of \$173,073, but it would not be penalized if it underfunded the request as it could change the amount. However, it must return any funds not used. She recommended using the federal funds to update the town website to offer online services and the town phone system. The board voted to move forward on its request of up to and including \$173,073 and to authorize the selectman chair to sign the application.

### Sober in the Sun

Selectman tabled the request for a permit for its annual Labor Day weekend event until they could find out if the venue, Treasure Valley, gave them permission.

### COVID-19 update

Langlois gave a COVID-19 update. He said he received a call from the department of public health. Several board of healths received threats or perceived threats. This has not happened in Oakham. He said phase II on June 8 would allow outdoor dining at restaurants and possible allowing to

allow sports teams to practice, but no games. Players must use their own equipment. The first day that allows outdoor graduations would be July 19. He said occupancy in the town hall would be 25 percent of maximum occupancy. Pools are not allowed to open yet and he said Pine Acres Campground was aware of that. Selectman chair asked when the board of selectmen could hold meetings in person. Langlois said they should social distance, wear masks and offer Zoom opportunity as well.

Langlois talked with the Fobes Memorial Library director, Samantha Boudine. The library plans to open to patrons June 8 and put together a tentative plan for the library.

### Other business

The board voted to adopt a recycling policy and authorized the chairman to sign the application for a \$500 waste management grant. The Council on Aging planned to use the grant towards the purchase of a new refrigerator.

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as designer of the Barre Bicentennial Medal and as illustrator of the bicentennial history published by the Barre Historical Society that Mr. Breen will be remembered by many persons.

Miss Diana Lynn Giarusso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carmelo M. Giarusso (Susan Tuttle) of Dalton received her

Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College in Northampton on May 23. Attending the 104th commencement exercises of the college was her grandmother, Mrs. Olive Tuttle and her uncle, David Tuttle; Mrs. Lisa Salla, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Giarusso, all of Barre, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Giarusso and Mrs. Thomas Ryder of South Barre, Mrs. Louise Hubbard of Springfield and Miss Mary Locke of Worcester.

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# Memorial Day in Phillipston



Turley Publications Photos by Carole Gariepy  
**Ron Higgins drove a World War II Jeep in honor of Memorial Day.**

## A Small Town with a Big Spirit

By Carole Gariepy  
Correspondent

PHILLIPSTON – How can we celebrate Memorial Day this year? Should we just cancel it? Those were the questions facing Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Flynn and the Board of Selectmen. All of them wanted to follow safety procedures but none wanted to cancel that important day of remembrance. Fire Captain John Seamon said, “Let’s form a parade with the town’s emergency vehicles and drive through all the major roads and end up at the common to place the wreath and raise the flag.” Good idea, and with that, Flynn began organizing the program. Star Scout Grady Campos would place the wreath at the Monument and his grandfather Veteran John Marr agreed to raise the flag.

Someone always stands by the War Memorial in the cemetery and reads names of veterans who served in one of the previous wars. We couldn’t do that; with social distancing, people can’t gather around to hear the names. Pastor Stephanie Flynn solved that problem by sending everyone the long list of Phillipston veterans who served in all the wars so people could reflect on them in their own individual ways.

Retired Music Director Steve Babineau of Narragansett said he’d play Taps. Andrew Flynn said he would set up the speaker system to play a recording of the National Anthem. With no firing squad available, Mike Flye offered

to fire his 1853 Enfield Musket. One more dilemma. What about the veterans who are an important part of the parade? Could they sit on the common ten feet apart? The Board of Health granted permission and veterans were contacted.

The ceremony plans grew and grew. Ron Higgins volunteered to drive his World War II Jeep in the parade and the Post 373 American Legion Riders called and said they have six bikers who would like to join. The parade organized around the common and began its procession at 10 a.m. Many people lined the roads to wave and cheer as the amazing procession passed by with sirens blaring, horns honking, and flags waving.

With an American flag at each chair on the common, the masked veterans responded to the military commands of Veteran Opal Clark as the short but meaningful ceremony was performed. A warm emotional feeling prevailed knowing that the virus didn’t prevent the veterans from being honored this year. And, as on every Memorial Day, people left the ceremony with a sweet taste. The Red Apple Farm baked dozens of apple cider donuts and wrapped them individually with a name tag on each one for a Phillipston veteran who served in the Civil War and War of 1812.

Historical Society Curator Jane French and family filled the front lawn of the Society with 101 flags to honor veterans, and the Fire Department complemented the patriotic display with words on a large sign reminding us of our freedom – “Home of the Free Because of the Brave.”

Phillipston veterans were well remembered in their small town with big spirit.



Veterans were masked and spaced on common.

# Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer  
**This week’s mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 1. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Dick Clark and Stephen Craven correctly identified last week’s photo. Last week’s photo was of the Verizon Building at the corner of Routes 67 and 148 in North Brookfield.**

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blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

**Staking**  
Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types, will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle-weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don’t tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

**Diseases**  
One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The cul-

prit was botrytis. Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don’t compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant’s base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

My mom is anxious to share her grandmother’s plants. No doubt I will be doing some dividing come September. I look forward to having a few of these family heirlooms in my garden for my girls to cherish as I did.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

## HARDWICK, continued from page 1

The Town Clerk will be working during those hours and will be available by phone at 413-477-6700, ext. 104, to assist anyone needing help registering to vote or who have questions pertaining to their voter registration status or the election. Persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Hardwick, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before June 16 are eligible to register. Those residents meeting these qualifications (who are not already registered to vote in Hardwick) and who have a Massachusetts driver’s license can submit their registration online at [www.RegisterToVoteMA.com](http://www.RegisterToVoteMA.com), or print and sign the Voter Registration Form and return it to Town Clerk, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA, 01031, or drop the form into the drop box located outside, near the main entrance of the Municipal Building. Voter registration forms are also available at most post offices.

The law authorizes the Town to use election materials originally prepared with the original election date. Therefore, we will be using the official and absentee ballots that were prepared and dated for the April 13 Annual Town Election. A sample ballot is available for your perusal at the Town’s website [www.townofhardwick.com](http://www.townofhardwick.com).

People who are taking precautions related to COVID-19, or are physically unable to come to the polls due to a disability, or will be absent from town during voting hours, or due to religious beliefs is unable to vote in person at the polls, or if they would just prefer not to come to the polls to vote on Election Day, may request an Absentee Ballot to Early Vote. Early Vote-Absentee Ballot applications are available online at [www.townofhardwick.com](http://www.townofhardwick.com) and on the bulletin board at each of the three post offices in Hardwick. Please fill out the application, sign it and mail it to the Town Clerk or drop it in the drop box at the Municipal Office Building. Please allow for ample time for the mailing of the absentee ballot application/ballot and for the ballot to be returned to the Town Clerk no later than the close of the polls on June 16, in order for the ballot to be counted. The polls will be open on Election Day for those voters who wish to cast their ballots in person. The town will follow the guidelines set for social distancing, requiring masks being worn by voters as well as poll workers.

**Special Town Meeting**  
A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for June 2, at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School. Some of the items to be addressed on the warrant include an article for the reconstruction of Routes 32 and 32A, an article for overdrawn accounts from fiscal 2019, an article for unprovided for accounts in fiscal 2020, and an article to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the costs to plan, design, permit and construct improvements and upgrades to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility, the Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facility and the Route 32A sewer line extension upgrade from Eagle Hill School to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Collection System. The town will follow the guidelines set for social distancing as well as requiring masks being worn by town officials and voters. A voter registration session will be held on Thursday, June 4, at the Municipal Building, 307 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to register voters who wish to vote at the Special Town Meeting.

The Selectmen have also set the date for the Annual Town Meeting to be Wednesday, June 24, at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School.

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## Boys track was coming off great winter, poised for better spring

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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BARRE – Boys track has been successful in recent years both inside and outside. Matt Castriotta has been very proud of his teams have performed recently, and was looking forward to following up on a great indoor track season during the winter.

The Panthers were set to have eight very talented seniors take the outdoor track this spring, and saw their season cut off completely.

Noah Herzig was due for a big spring in the sprinting events and the javelin throw.

“He would have been one of the top in those events at the Central-West meet,” said Castriotta. “He and the rest of the javelin relay team were aiming to break a 30-year record at the district relays this spring.”

Seth Talbot was the pole vault champion that made it all the way to the New England meet last year. Castriotta was predicting Talbot had a chance to do it again.

“He also had a shot at breaking Quabbin’s outdoor pole vault record,” said Castriotta.

Deven Thomas was both a jumper and a sprinter.

“He was part of the record-setting 4x100 meter relay teams last spring and would have been a force on the track and in the field this year,” the coach said.



Quabbin’s Gino Gabrielli throws discus at the Central-West Meet last spring.

Lukas Anderson was one of the top distance runners on the team.

“He as coming off a breakthrough season this winter,” said Castriotta. “He and the rest of the 4x800 were hoping to break the outdoor 4x800 record after breaking the indoor 4x800 record this spring. They were strong contenders to win the Central-West meet and punch their ticket to the state championship meet.”

Ben Weah was a sprinter. Castriotta believed he had a shot at winning the 100 meter at districts.

Hector Johnson ran multiple events was looking for the school

record in the long jump.

Elliott Walsh was a middle distance runner looking to add the mile to his repertoire.

“He was also a member of the record setting indoor 4x800 team this winter,” said Castriotta.

Gino Gabrielli won the discus event last year in the sectionals.

“He was hoping to win the gold at states and punch his ticket to New England’s,” said Castriotta.

Castriotta was looking forward taking the talent to sectionals and beyond this year.

“As you can see, this year’s senior class was loaded with



File photos

Seth Talbot from Quabbin goes up for vaults last year.

talent,” said Castriotta. “They seemed destined to win their third district title in three years. I think the 2020 outdoor track and field team would have been the strongest team in the history of the school with a record number of kids qualifying for states, New

England’s and Nationals. Beyond the statement they would have made on the track and in the field, and more importantly, they were an amazing group of young men who I had the honor and pleasure of coaching for many years. I will miss each one of them.”

## State cancels American Legion baseball for 2020

REGION – American Legion state department chairman Richard Paster issued a statement about the cancellation of the 2020 season:

It is with deep regret that I inform you that the National Organization has decided to cancel the 2020 Season effective immediately due to the continuing events resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Legion National Organization is implementing the following directives relating to The American Legion National Organization national baseball program for the 2020 season which the Department of Massachusetts hereby incorporates in its instructions for all Post and Outside Sponsored teams in Massachusetts:

1. Any and all previous 2020 American Legion National Organization memos regarding the national baseball program for the 2020 season are retracted and replaced by the following.

2. The American Legion National Organization has canceled all 2020 season’s Regional Tournaments and The American Legion World Series and the Department of Massachusetts hereby cancels all Department Tournaments.

3. Concurrently, The American Legion National Organization has shut down all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the

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## Submit senior athletes info

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but

are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring’s season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn’t.

## London showcase postponed by Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the inaugural Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase originally scheduled for December 6, 2020 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was expected to feature Marist College vs. University of Maryland, Baltimore and University of Kentucky vs. University of Michigan.

“As we navigate these unprecedented times, the Basketball Hall of Fame has remained vigilant in placing health and safety above all else,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “Unfortunately, the unknown combination of health, safety, international travel regulations and the economic viability for all parties involved has required us to postpone this highly anticipated event at The O2. We look forward to hosting a fantastic event in 2022.”

The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase will now take place Sunday, December 4, 2022

at The O2 arena and will be televised domestically by ESPN / ABC. The event will remain a part of the Kentucky and Michigan three-year series, now facing-off in Ann Arbor in 2021, London in 2022 and Lexington in 2023.

The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase is one event in the Hall of Fame’s series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. At this point in time, the Basketball Hall of Fame has not cancelled or postponed any domestic collegiate events scheduled for the fall and winter of 2020.

All fans who have purchased a ticket to the 2020 Hall of Fame London Showcase will receive a full refund automatically to the method used for purchase within 14 business days. During these unprecedented times it may take longer for funds to credit your account. Tickets for the 2022 Hall of Fame London Showcase will go back on-sale for December 4, 2022 in January or February of 2022.

## Tri-County League cancels 2020 season



File photos

PeoplesBanks would have been going for its eighth consecutive playoff title. The Bankers have been the top team in the league for a long time with powerful hitting and a dedicated pitching staff.

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – The executive board for the Tri-County Baseball League has made the decision to cancel the 2020 season despite considering playing a bit later schedule in the summer.

Last Wednesday, the board announced their decision following a meeting of the league.

Karl Oliveira, who runs the St. Joseph’s team in the league as well as serves as the league’s secretary and treasurer, made the announcement in the form of an email to the league’s returning players and coaches.

“The Executive Board of the TCL voted 4-0 not to move forward to play baseball for this year’s season,” said Oliveira. “The 2020 season for the TCL has been officially canceled.”

Due to the concerns set forth by the COVID-19 pandemic and the way the league is situated,

the league cited a vast number of factors in making the decision to cancel the season.

The league cited player, coach, umpire, and fan safety as the top priorities. Further, the league stated the safety of extended families in making the decision.

Expanding, Oliveira cited certain fields would not have concessions stands or restrooms open to the public, including sani-cans.

He said the rules from town-to-town would also weigh heavily in the teams’ ability to get home fields for play.

“Some fields may allow you to play on them some fields may not allow you to play on them,” said Oliveira.

One of the biggest factors in even coming up with a modified schedule is the fluidity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ phased approach to re-opening the state. He said

games would not be able to be played until July at the earliest. He said with that timeline, any setback would have been very restrictive to the schedule and could have cost the league and its players a lot of money.

The Tri-County League has been typically a weekday league with just a few weekend games. The National Division, which was brought in using the defunct Full Count League did have some weekend games, but also played many games during the week.

Oliveira also said simple social distancing and the cleaning of equipment, as well as sanitizing surfaces like benches and other dugout areas were also factors considered in the cancellation decision.

He also cited sponsors. The league questioned whether sponsors, especially those with limited or no business since the outbreak would be able to contribute fund-



St. Joseph’s has always been a top rival for PeoplesBank and a mainstay in the league based out of Palmer.

ing to the league.

Among the costs, more than \$5,500 for insurance, and there was no guarantee if the league itself or somewhere else experienced an outbreak, would the league have to shut back down and be out all of the money for the revised schedule.

“To say we are disappointed, is an understatement,” said Oliveira. “This board knows how all of us feel about playing baseball, especially in a league that has been going since 1949.”

Tri-County still plans to hold its annual golf tournament. The TCL Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 3, at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown, is still on for this year. There will be more details on this event to follow in the coming weeks.

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Virtual open house set for June 9

FITCHBURG — The School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State University will hosts a virtual open house Tuesday, June 9 at 5 p.m.

Visitors can tune in virtually to learn about the undergraduate evening and graduate programs Fitchburg State offers. The free session will cover the admissions process, digital learning opportunities and other unique details that make Fitchburg State such a great place to continue your education.

The School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State offers more than 45 graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs. Whether people are looking for graduate school or undergraduate evening programs, this session can help get them to where they need to be.

People may visit <https://admissions.fitchburgstate.edu/register/GCEOpenhouse> to learn more.

Alice Galvinhill graduates from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER – Alice Galvinhill of Rutland received a Bachelor of Arts degree Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross on May 22. Because of the ongoing pandemic, Holy Cross hosted a virtual celebration for its Class of 2020, featuring a special message from Holy Cross alumnus, Dr. Anthony Fauci ‘62, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Galvinhill was among 707 students who received electronic diplomas as part of the event. The virtual celebrations will be followed by an in-person commencement ceremony for the class of 2020 to be held in spring 2021.

The College of the Holy Cross is a highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

Stetson students present check to fire department

BARRE – The students at Stetson School reviewed and selected this spring’s grant recipients of the Stetson School Community Giving Fund, that distributes \$10,000 annually, given to non-profit organizations, municipalities, or other community initiatives within the town of Barre and/or other towns located in the Quabbin Regional School District that support community social good.

This year the Stetson youth decided that the Barre Fire Department was very deserving of a Community Giving Grant. The youth decided that with everything that front line workers do to keep everyone safe during this pandemic, and always, that it was the perfect time to approve their application.

Students FRS and AJ brought the “big check” to the Barre Fire Department and presented it to Chief Robert Rogowski, Fire Inspector/EMT Captain James Divirgillio, and Firefighter/EMT Ray Balser. Chief Rogowski accepted the check, thanking the youth and reported that the money



Students FRS and AJ brought the “big check” to the Barre Fire Department and presented it to Fire Chief Robert Rogowski, Fire Inspector/EMT Captain James Divirgillio, and Firefighter/EMT Ray Balser.

will go towards a new device for the department that assists in clearing airways of incapacitated patients, a much needed piece of life saving equipment for the BFD.

Chief Rogowski and Captain

Divirgillio then gave the youth a tour of the station as well as an up close look at the new fire engine and other pieces equipment and firefighting tools. They also offered to have more Stetson youth come

to the station or for the department to visit campus with some trucks, once the current pandemic situation clears.

Other grant recipients will be announced over the coming weeks.

Monty Tech delays graduation to July 29

FITCHBURG – Seniors everywhere are facing the news that the end of their high school experience just won’t measure up to expectations they have formed from a lifetime of watching those before them. There won’t be a prom. There won’t be senior cookouts or traditional motorcades. Senior trips and beach weeks are cancelled, too. They won’t have those final days in the hallways with their friends. They won’t be saying goodbye and thanks to a favorite teacher that truly changed the course of their lives. This is a year that is now marked by loss, but if Principal Tom Browne has anything to say about it, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School (Monty Tech) Class of 2020 will not leave without getting the recognition they so deserve.

First, every senior should receive a yearbook at no cost. This could only be accomplished if the community would donate or “sponsor” a yearbook for every student.

Parents, friends of students and even employers donated to support this effort, and in only four days, the school received more than \$13,000 and accomplished this lofty goal.

Each year the Monty Tech Foundation hosts two fundraisers, a golf tournament in the fall and the superintendent’s dinner in the spring. These events raise money for the Student Scholarship Fund and all proceeds are awarded to the graduating class that year. Unfortunately, neither event happened this year. The golf tournament simply did not garner enough interest and the recent pandemic forced school closures and so the popular Superintendent’s Dinner did not happen, a first in 33 years. Once again, Principal Browne and his leadership team called on the community for donations large and small. The school is still collecting donations through an online platform ([www.bidpal.net/monty-tech](http://www.bidpal.net/monty-tech)), receiving donations ranging from \$10 - \$500 thus far. While the

school may not achieve the \$35,000 goal, thanks to so many generous people who continue to donate, scholarships will be awarded this year.

Banners celebrating the Class of 2020 are displayed at high schools in the area, while homes across North Central Massachusetts are proudly displaying senior yard signs, a sign of support and recognition for a student now working virtually to complete senior assignments. While they are no longer working and learning at Monty Tech, these students may be at home taking AP exams, completing final projects or balancing studies with employment in front line, essential roles. So Principal Brown organized more than 80 volunteers who decorated their cars, collected yard signs and set out to distribute more than 330 signs across eighteen cities and towns. Students and families seemed so grateful for the gesture and an opportunity to connect with Monty Tech once again, posting pictures of their grad-

uates and yard signs proudly on the school’s Facebook page.

Finally, Principal Browne turned his attention to graduation. With schools considering drive-by ceremonies, virtual graduations and even drive-in movie theaters serving as a backdrop, Monty Tech seniors and families were surveyed and elected to postpone graduation until a more traditional ceremony might be possible. Following the model adopted by the United States Air Force Academy, Monty Tech is designing a similar ceremony, which will be held Wednesday, July 29 at 6 p.m. on the school’s football field. While adhering to any social distancing guidelines in place at the time, the school’s leadership team hopes to deliver a graduation ceremony these students can be proud of, a creative ending fitting for a Monty Tech graduate.

Congratulations to seniors everywhere and aspecial congratulations to the Monty Tech students celebrated in so many ways.

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2020 season and The Department of Massachusetts hereby shuts down its sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season.

4. This shutdown of all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season means that those baseball teams that wish to continue playing 2020 season baseball shall be participating in a sporting event not sponsored, nor endorsed in any

manner by The American Legion National Organization and/or The Department of Massachusetts, but sponsored and endorsed solely by the group the team is named.

5. Any baseball team that continues play in the 2020 season sponsored by the group the team is

named must understand that its team is not playing as an American Legion National Organization nor Department of Massachusetts “registered” baseball team nor is it playing in an American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program.

6. The complete cancellation of the 2020 American Legion National and Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball season means there is no American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program “national or department rules,” nor are there “national or department guidelines,” as there is no 2020 American Legion national or Department of Massachusetts involvement.

7. In other words, if an American Legion Post or other type of sponsored team has a 2020 season baseball program, then that Post or other team is having a team which is not authorized, nor endorsed by The American Legion National nor Department of Massachusetts Organization.”

8. Those teams that conduct this 2020 baseball season program will need to determine their rules, guidelines, schedules, insurance coverage, etc., for their own

teams as neither The American Legion National nor Department of Massachusetts Organizations will provide this assistance.

9. The American Legion National Organization has already stopped collecting, and subsequently returned to all teams any and all national baseball team fees to the respective teams and the Department of Massachusetts will similarly return all Department registration fees as soon as practicable.

10. With the shutdown of the online National American Legion Baseball registration portal, The American Legion National Organization has stopped referring baseball teams to the K&K Insurance portal for the 2020 baseball season.

11. The Posts and/or other teams that decide to have their own programs will need to determine what insurance their teams need in order to play baseball in 2020; neither The American Legion National Organization nor the Department of Massachusetts will provide this assistance.

12. All baseball teams that paid to The American Legion National Organization administrative fees shall have these fees reimbursed to the teams directly by the National Organization, the Department

of Massachusetts will have no involvement in such reimbursement.

13. All other situation(s) that may arise during the 2020 baseball season in which a Post or other type of sponsored team that elects to have a 2020 baseball season is a situation for that particular team as that particular team is solely responsible for its decision as to any situation(s) as neither The American Legion National Organization nor the Department of Massachusetts, its Athletic Committee, their staffs and/or volunteers are not authorized to address or help with any such teams situation(s).

14. K&K Insurance will be advised that the Department of Massachusetts has elected to cancel the 2020 season, that no teams have formed and that all premiums that have been collected thus far are to be forthwith refunded. The Department of Massachusetts will have no involvement in any such refunds.

This is a sad day indeed for American Legion Baseball in Massachusetts and marks only the second time since 1926 that there will be no Program, let’s hope life returns to normal in time for the 2021 season.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Common request

5. Department in France

10. Fungi cells

14. Famed inventor

15. Hillsides

16. Cold wind

17. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood

18. Resembling a doddering old woman

19. Geological periods

20. Assistants

22. Comedienne Gasteyer

23. Jewish spiritual leader

24. English soccer club

27. Body art

30. No (Scottish)

31. Clumsy person

32. Swiss river

35. Belittled

37. Luxury car

38. Single sheet of glass in a window

39. Monetary units

40. Supervises flying

41. Indian term of respect

42. Breezed through

43. The bill in a restaurant

44. Flower cluster

45. Moved quickly

46. Shooters need to do it

47. High schoolers' test

48. Split pulses

49. Salts

52. Breaking Bad actor \_\_\_ Paul

55. Set ablaze

56. Semitic Sun god

60. Nervous system cells

61. Tourist destination

63. A way to bind

64. Behave uncontrollably

65. Feels concern

66. Sportscaster Andrews

67. Subway dwellers

68. Astrological aspect

69. You may take one

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Swedish rock group

2. Serbian

3. Away from wind

4. Actor Oliver

5. Helps little firms

6. Intricately decorative

7. American state

8. Type of tumor

9. Midway between east and southeast

10. On a line at right angles to a ship's length

11. Fruit of the service tree

12. Grouch

13. Romanian city

21. Units of loudness

23. British Air Aces

25. Small amount

26. Hem's partner

27. Turkic people

28. Member of the banana family

29. Liam Neeson franchise

32. Expressed pleasure

33. Inward-directed part of psyche

34. Insurgent

36. Unhappy

37. Gateway (Arabic)

38. Fundraising political group (abbr.)

40. Well-known

41. Satisfies

43. '\_\_\_ death do us part

44. Jailhouse informant

46. French river

47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish

49. Drenches

50. Clouds

51. Companies need to make them

52. Created from seaweed

53. One's school: \_\_\_ mater

54. A type of act

57. Member of Russian people

58. Neutralizes alkalis

59. Monetary unit

61. Play a role

62. Midway between south and southeast

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# Obituaries

## David M. Dougan, 77

BARRE — David M. Dougan, 77, died Friday, May 22, 2020 in UMass Memorial Medical Center University Campus in part due to COVID-19. He leaves his wife, Virginia; daughters, Dana and Darleen; a brother, Lee and his wife, Kathy of Oakham and two grandchildren.

David previously resided at Westside House in Worcester. He served in the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion Post 2 in Barre. Burial for David will be private

in Glen Valley Cemetery in Barre. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

### DEATH NOTICES

**Dougan, David M.**  
**Died May 22, 2020**  
**Burial services will be private**  
**Pillsbury Funeral Home**

## St. Mary’s Women’s Club news

ORANGE – St. Mary’s Women’s Club in Orange, like everyone else, has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 changes in daily operations. The club has been unable to meet since March. The club’s annual banquet and installation were postponed. The latest casualty is the planned day trip to St. Anne’s Shrine in Fiskedale, which will be postponed until next June. The Vendor’s Fair’s is also postponed.

One club activity is progressing. There is a container in the rectory for donations of new baby and toddler clothing and equipment to help local pregnancy centers. These are collected annually between Mother’s

Day and Father’s Day, usually in the church. The rectory is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Donors may leave items on top step, ring the bell and Father Shaun will retrieve the item and visit at a distance. If people need another time to donate, they mahy contact Father Shaun or club president Mary Carey.

St. Mary’s Women’s Club is an association of women of the Parish organized to render helpful service to St. Mary’s Parish and the community, to promote spiritual growth and wellness, as well as to meet in community with the women of the Parish. The Annual Parish Fair in October is the major fundraiser.

## Tri-Parish Deacon’s Fund

For many decades before the food pantry started and that happened in the mid-eighties the Tri-Parish was a leader, the leader, in the community in compassion and recognition for the emergencies that families and individuals experience and went forward to address those emergencies.

As the fuel crisis hit years ago and as families came forward to avoid eviction, the church used the fund, as it always had, to help people in trouble. And there was an evolution to caring for all people in the community spreading far beyond the parish community seeing everyone as its flock.

During the fuel crisis, the whole of Hardwick recognized the special place of the Deacon’s Fund in the community, and groups like the Boar’s Head Group of men and others in the community turned to the Deacon’s Fund and recognized its role by donating funds.

The money in the Deacon’s Fund is used for emergencies that have to do with fuel and rent and sometimes other needs as well. Usually the fund does not pay a whole month’s rent or fill all of a completely empty oil tank or propane bottle, but from time to time it does. In other words, it is case by case, informed judgments. The Deacon’s Fund does partner with those families in looking for other help through state and federal programs and help them contact those agencies and try to act as their champions.

The Deacon’s Fund is in the midst of a tremendous crisis now. It is receiving frantic and heart-breaking calls from families, who were always struggling with low-income jobs and work related injuries and also illnesses and mental and physical challenges.

We are astounded and moved by the outpouring of care and funds from the community. The need for these funds has grown just in the past three weeks.

Part of what we are doing is to work with landlords to whom we are sympathetic. The more the landlords understand that we recognize their predicaments and our cause, the more willing they are to work with us.

It’s clear that people have a much greater need of funds than ever before and it’s with deep gratitude that people turn to a small town with its collection of villages and find so much caring and generosity in the spring of 2020 and for many decades before this.

Inquiries/needs should be directed to the church office or they may call Deacons, Ginny Rich at 978-355-4485, Marjie Wissiup at 508-410-7424 or Marguerite Crevier at 413-477-6942. For food or other local assistance call Liz Reilly at 413-477-6635 or text Liz at 508-867-6811. Prayer Chain requests should be directed to Nancy Lee at 508-244-0514. For news and updates people may visit triparishcommunitychurch.com.

# Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01608**  
**(508)831-2200**  
**Docket No.**  
**WO20P1297EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Peter Gould Goddard**  
**Date of Death: 03/07/2020**  
**CITATION ON**  
**PETITION FOR**  
**FORMAL**  
**ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Howard D. Goddard** of Westhampton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Howard D. Goddard** of Westhampton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the

Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **06/16/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A. Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 22, 2020

**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
5/28/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oakham Board of Selectmen will hold a remote public hearing on **June 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom, meeting ID# 854 3859 485**, to discuss Pole Location; Maple St. Pole 6, Petition No. 22793395 from the Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: Maple Street - National Grid to relocate I JO Pole on Maple St at the intersection of New Braintree Road and Maple St. Pole 6 will be relocated back 30’ out of the island and to the edge of the road.  
5/28/2020

# Church News

## Local pastor offers sermon

*Note:* The Barre Gazette staff reached out to area churches if they would provide sermons during the Coronavirus pandemic. Any pastor, priest or rabbi wishing to participate may email either barrenews@turley.com or edowner@turley.com.

### Pandemic Musings

Please allow me to share a few episodes from my life. I will connect these varied thoughts together at the end of the article for your personal benefit and application. May the Lord bless you as you entertain these remarks!

### Episode 1

It was May of 1992 that my grandmother suffered a debilitating stroke in my presence. I was thirteen.

In so many ways I remember it like it was yesterday. I can still see my mother in the kitchen, preparing food for my cousin and niece. They were quite young at the time (i.e., less than a year old) and my mom had them situated side-by-side in baby seats on the table. I can also still see my grandmother seated in an adjacent room doing her crossword puzzles, carrying on a conversation with us like always.

Then it happened. My grandmother stood up unexpectedly, took a few steps and fell to her side. Her speech sounded strange, somewhat slurred, and she began to do something that I had never heard her do in my presence: swear like a truck driver (no offense to those who drive trucks)!

This was all incredibly troubling as one can imagine. Long story short, it turns out she had experienced a massive stroke. The left-hand side of her body was immediately paralyzed and would remain so until her passing some seven years later in 1999.

I can say that this event and the season that followed was unforeseen. There were no warning signs that I was aware of previous to this stroke. Looking back, I still discern no red flags that signaled what was to take place in her life or ours. One moment life was going about its merry way, and then every facet of my world changed.

I can also say that this event and the season that followed was undesired. No one woke up the morning of May 6, 1992 hoping for a stroke to cripple my Gram. No one longed for the saddening physical fallout she would experience or the familial fallout we would experience in the Foley household. No one could have possibly wanted this or the seven-year period of struggle, strain and challenge that followed thereafter.

Yet, as unforeseen and undesired as this event was, it was impacting. That moment and the near decade that subsequently transpired changed me, i.e., indelibly marked me forever. In many ways, these happenings worked to make me who and what I am today. Allow me to briefly elaborate:

Firstly, it shaped my understanding of personal sacrifice.

In the years that immediately followed her stroke, my grandmother came to live in our home. My older siblings were moved out at the time, so it was just me, my two parents and my grandmother. She took my bedroom and I was moved to the couch.

I can recall many nights when my mother would sit by her mother’s side—all night—because Gram was afraid to be alone. I can still hear my grandmother calling for my mother at all hours of the night, and I can still see my mom walking into her bedroom to sit with her as long as was needed. Sometimes she wouldn’t get to bed until 4 or 5 a.m., only to get up at 6 a.m. to begin a new day.

It was in watching the love of God in my mom that I came

to understand the meaning of selfless compassion. It was watching her personal sacrifice that I came to see the embodiment of the following portion of Scripture:

### Philippians 2:3–4 (NIV)

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Secondly, it shaped what would become a faith in the Lord.

I will not say that I came to trust in Christ at this point in my life. I converted to Christianity around the age of twenty. Yet, I will say that the tracks that ultimately led me to Him were laid in this season, as I came to perceive the finite nature of life and witness the faith and action of others. Ultimately, God used this season to point me to Him.

You see, it turns out that this season of pain, brokenness and difficulty was used by God to achieve a purpose far greater than I could perceive in the moment. Though this season was utterly unforeseen and undesired, it was used by the Lord to shape me (making me clay in the hands of the Master Potter).

Looking back, I come to appreciate the wonder and the gravity of the following statement from the apostle Paul:

### Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

You cannot make a diamond without pressure or refine gold without some fire. Oftentimes it is in the most difficult of seasons that the greatest work of God is done. We do well to remember this principle, particularly when the world seems to be falling to pieces around us.

### Episode 2

It was in mid-November of 2019 that I received a phone call from a social worker from DCF. In fact, it was not just one social worker, but two. I had the feeling I wasn’t going to like this call when I was introduced to multiple voices. Ultimately, this call served as notice that the foster-child placed in our care some eighteen months prior was to be removed.

For those who may not know, my wife and I were unable to have children. After a battery of unsuccessful and emotionally draining infertility treatments, we decided to pursue adoption through the foster care system. It seemed like a viable option financially and the path that God had for us.

On the day that we were licensed as foster/pre-adoptive parents, we were asked if we would take a three-day-old baby girl. Feeling that God was in this we said yes. The following day a stork in the form of a wonderful social worker dropped this precious child off into our care. For eighteen months she was with us and stole our hearts, as we cared for her like she was our own.

Until that phone call came in mid-November...

It was a Friday. I was trying to write my sermon without much progress to be quite honest when I was notified she would be moved nigh immediately. The case had taken an unexpected turn and decisions were made beyond the scope of our knowledge. I am not being exaggerative when I say I wanted to die. I felt like a part of me did die as wheels were set in motion that I was powerless to stop.

I can say that this event and the season that has followed was unforeseen. There were no warning signs heralding this impending change. Of course, we realize as foster parents that this is how the system works.

We hold no ill will toward DCF or the workers whatsoever. They have been tremendous to work with from the beginning of our relationship. However, this decision and the corresponding call did take us by surprise.

I can also say that this event and the season that has followed was undesired. When you get attached to a child, the last thing you want to do is say goodbye. The last thing you want to do is give them one last hug (trying to communicate a lifetime of love), hand them off to a social worker at the front door and watch them drive off, hearing the child scream as they leave your driveway and your life. Though being a foster parent is absolutely worth it, I will not diminish the pain of such moments.

Yet, as unforeseen and undesired as that moment was, it has changed me. In fact, it still is. Allow me to elaborate:

Firstly, it has shaped my understanding of ministry.

I have been a minister for fifteen years. But never before have I felt so equipped to minister to those who are hurting or in need. A loss of this magnitude has shaped me in inexplicable ways, creating a deeper sense of empathy. It has also expanded the nature of my ministry. Perhaps my greatest service to humanity will not be in shepherding a church but caring for young ones in the home.

Secondly, it has shaped my understanding of faith.

So often the Christian community treats faith like a commodity (i.e., if we just have “enough” faith God is obligated to do whatever we ask or wish). But what happens when you believe and believe and believe over a period of time and you receive the opposite of what you ask for? It is in such a place you come to understand what it means to trust in His good purposes and rely on Him.

Thirdly, it has shaped my understanding of perseverance.

It is easy to serve God when life is easy, but what happens when it is not? There have been many weeks where the last thing I wanted to do was pray, seek God, preach a sermon, or listen to the problems of a congregant. I would think to myself, “How can I minister when I hurt so badly?” Yet it was in the midst of the pain that God met me, empowering me to endure. Consider this timeless and timely passage concerning spiritual endurance:

### Romans 5:3–5a

3 . . . We glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame  
Many people want to be hopeful and hope-filled, but this requires the formation of godly character. Such character only develops in the midst of perseverance, and perseverance can only be forged in the furnace of adversity. Maybe there is benefit to the pain we experience in life and living!

You see, it turns out that this season of pain, brokenness and difficulty was used by God to achieve a purpose far greater than I could perceive in the moment. Though this season was utterly unforeseen and undesired, it was used by the Lord to shape me (making me clay in the hands of the Master Potter).

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You may be saying to yourself, “Pastor, why are you sharing all of this? What is your purpose in this writing?” My answer is two-fold. Firstly, there is power in testimony. I believe that we can learn from one another, stimulating growth. If something of my life and experience can encourage, comfort or challenge you, then this reading has been worth the time. Secondly, I want to convey a sense of perspective in the midst of these unprecedented times.

What we are experiencing is something utterly unforeseen...

Regardless of what media outlets might claim at this point in late-May, no one was sounding the alarm in January or February concerning the Coronavirus. No one truly foresaw the medical or economic devastation that this affliction has wrought. Truly, the world has been taken by surprise!

What we are experiencing is something utterly undesired...

No person in their right mind woke up on Jan. 1, 2020 hoping for a pandemic that would take the lives of hundreds of thousands, cripple a global economy, shutter businesses, and beyond. No one could have wanted seemingly unending months of social distancing, isolation, and connection solely through Zoom.

My heart goes out to those who are suffering. Remember the following promise of the Word:

### Psalms 34:18

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Thus said, the question remains to be answered: “How will these unforeseen and undesired events impact us?”

This is a question that may take years to fully answer at the national level. I can only pray for the Lord to bring forth the change that glorifies Him, sending forth a mighty move of His Spirit that would sweep across the earth!

This is a question, however, that you can begin to answer at the individual level. What manner of person do you want to be coming out of this season—as it will eventually move to a close. Do you want to come out worse than before or changed by God?

I call you to be soft, pliable clay in the hands of the Master. Allow Him to shape and mold you according to His good plan and design. Trust in His sovereign purpose, even if that purpose transcends your current capacity to understand. Remain convinced of the truth of Romans 8:

### Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Remember, you cannot make a diamond without pressure or refine gold without a fire. If you feel the squeeze and the heat, could it be that God is doing His greatest work? Thank you for taking the time to read these words. Feel free to check us out at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or contact me at your convenience.

### Pastor James Foley

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, May 17**  
1:47 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Town Farm Road Tower – Information Taken

**Monday, May 18**  
1:03 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Ruggles Lane – Information Taken  
5:31 p.m. Alarm, Commercial South Street – Building Checked/Secured  
7:38 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Wheelwright Road – Transported to Hospital  
8:30 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Oakham Road – Area Search Negative

**Tuesday, May 19**  
7:03 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Dana Road – Confirmed Misdial

**Wednesday, May 20**  
12:32 p.m. Suspicious Person Bentley Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, May 21**  
8:20 a.m. Alarm, Trouble Signal Sanderson Road – Information Given  
8:42 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Cedar Street – Peace Restored  
6 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Town Farm Road – Services Rendered  
6:05 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Oak Street – Negative Contact  
8:29 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Oakham Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
9 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Summer Street – Investigated

**Friday, May 22**  
12:50 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Old Dana Road – Confirmed Misdial  
2:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled Hubbardston Road – Vehicle Towed  
7:10 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
7:33 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/

Abandoned/Silent Coldbrook Road – Secured  
9:16 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Town Farm Road – Confirmed Misdial  
10:08 p.m. Harassment Unknown Location – Call Transferred  
11:23 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Old Coldbrook Road – Confirmed Misdial

**Saturday, May 23**  
3:06 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Cut Off Road – Confirmed Misdial  
4 p.m. Suspicious Person Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
4:11 p.m. Missing Person Peach Street – Located/Found  
10:11 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Hubbardston Road – Negative Contact

**SOUTH BARRE**  
**Saturday, May 23**  
8:52 a.m. Assault Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, May 17**  
5:59 p.m. Officer Initiated Scott Road – Party Departed Without Incident  
9:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity North Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
9:49 p.m. Officer Initiated Coldbrook Road – Party Departed Without Incident

**Monday, May 18**  
11:30 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Hunt Road – Information Taken  
2:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Report Filed  
Summons: Sandra L. Williams, 57, South Barre

License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With

**Wednesday, May 20**  
4:21 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Old Turnpike Road – Services Rendered  
6:12 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, May 21**  
11:21 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Old Schoolhouse Road – Information Taken

**Friday, May 22**  
1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious

Rutland – Officer Spoke to Party  
1:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity Sanders Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Robinson Road – Negative Contact  
4:48 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent North Brookfield Road – Confirmed Misdial  
7:30 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Crawford Road – Information Given  
8:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity Old Turnpike Road – Area Patrolled

**Saturday, May 23**  
10:25 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bechan Road – No Police Service Necessary

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, May 17**  
10:45 a.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Pitcherville Road – Party Departed Without Incident  
1:08 p.m. Gunshots Malone Road – Area Search Negative  
4:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity Gardner Road – Building Checked/ Secured  
8 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Shawnee Way – Transported to Hospital

**Monday, May 18**  
1:38 a.m. Suspicious Activity Gardner Road – Area Search Negative  
5:45 a.m. Unoccupied Vehicle Gardner Cutoff Road – Investigated  
5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Williamsville Road – Arrest(s) Made  
10:37 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Gardner Road – Information Taken

**Tuesday, May 19**  
10:32 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Brigham Street – Information Taken  
11:12 a.m. Suspicious Person Lombard Road – Unfounded  
2 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Old Princeton Cutoff Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
3:54 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Hale Road – Officer Took Call

**Wednesday, May 20**  
6:08 p.m. Unattended Death Morgan Road – Report Filed

**Thursday, May 21**  
9:16 a.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle Collision Maple Avenue – Services Rendered  
10:30 a.m. Threats Natty Brook Road – Report Filed  
6:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Boston Turnpike – Citation Issued  
8:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Worcester Road – Citation Issued

**Friday, May 22**  
4:55 p.m. Breaking and Entering Past Residential New Templeton Road – Report Filed  
11:55 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Gardner Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, May 23**  
4:11 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kruse Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
5:34 p.m. Property Damage Main Street – Investigated

Sunday, May 24  
12:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Arrest(s) Made  
Summons: Daniel D. Flynn, 46, Shrewsbury  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Turn, Improper  
6:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

## New Braintree Police Log

**Monday, May 4**  
10:30 a.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Barre Road – Services Rendered

**Thursday, May 7**  
9:21 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Services Rendered

**Friday, May 8**  
11:32 a.m. 911 – Misdial Oakham Road – Officer Handled  
3:47 p.m. 911 – Fire, Brush Ravine Road – Extinguished

**Saturday, May 9**  
7:34 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Wine Road – Services Rendered

**Sunday, May 10**  
12:09 a.m. Phone – Assault Sibley Road – Summons Issued

**Wednesday, May 13**  
11:50 a.m. Initiated – Stolen Motor Vehicle Memorial Drive – Dispatch Handled  
12:33 p.m. Initiated – Stolen Motor

Vehicle Memorial Drive – Dispatch Handled  
6:18 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued  
7:03 p.m. 911 – Misdial Barre Road – Services Rendered

**Friday, May 15**  
6:25 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Hardwick Road – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency  
6:28 p.m. Initiated – Disabled Motor Vehicle Hardwick Road – Services Rendered  
8:26 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Old Turnpike Road – Officer Handled  
8:37 p.m. Phone – Alarm Memorial Drive – Dispatch Handled  
8:41 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Removed Hazard  
8:54 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Removed Hazard  
9:05 p.m. Initiated –Safety Hazard Barre Cutoff Road – Removed Hazard  
9:20 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Cemetery Road – Removed Hazard

9:34 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Removed Hazard  
9:37 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Ravine Road – Removed Hazard  
9:43 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Unknown Outcome  
9:57 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Wine Road – Removed Hazard  
10:02 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Road – Removed Hazard  
10:31 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Unitas Road – Removed Hazard  
10:33 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Goodfield Road – Removed Hazard  
10:40 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Oakham Road – Unknown Outcome

**Saturday, May 16**  
7:18 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard West Road – No Action Required

**Sunday, May 17**  
4:04 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Davis Road – Transported to Hospital  
3:37 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Barr Road – Transported to Hospital

## Rutland Police Log

**Friday, May 8**  
12:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Melissa Feliciano, 40, Worcester  
Headlights, Fail Dim; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Drug, Possess Class A, Subsequent Offense; Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law  
4:14 a.m. Serve Warrant East County Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Christopher S. Forsman, 34, Rutland  
Warrant  
10:28 a.m. Assault Main Street – Report Filed

**Saturday, May 9**  
1:55 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Marjorie Lane – Information Taken

**Sunday, May 10**  
9:10 a.m. Vandalism Main Street – Report Filed

**Monday, May 11**  
8:48 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Juniper Lane – Information Taken  
12:48 p.m. Alarm, Residential Barre Paxton Road – Building Checked/ Secured  
3:49 p.m. Fraud Pommogussett Road – Message Delivered  
7:46 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Barre Paxton Road – Officer Spoke to Party

Welch Avenue – No Fire Service Necessary  
5:24 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Bigelow Road – Information Taken

**Sunday, May 17**  
2:07 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Pleasantdale Road – No Action Required

**Sunday, May 17**  
10:47 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Carly Circle – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
12:56 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Main Street – Services Rendered  
1:01 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Town Farm Road Tower – Information Taken  
6:08 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Wheeler Road – Transported to Hospital

**Monday, May 18**  
6:25 a.m. Suspicious Person Barre Paxton Road – Officer Advised  
10:22 a.m. Suspicious Activity Maple Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party  
10:38 a.m. Illegal Dumping East County Road – Message Delivered  
3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Christopher P. Ouimette, 33, Worcester  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Barre Paxton Road – Investigation (Ongoing)  
Arrest: Thomas M. Jordan, 44, Rutland  
Motor Vehicle, Larceny of; Witness/ Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate; Credit Card Fraud Under \$1,200 c266 \$37B(g); Drug, Possess Class A; Drug, Possess to Distribute Class A; Drug, Possess Class E; Warrant – Straight; Drug, Distribute, Class E; Credit Card, Larceny of  
4:50 p.m. Identity Theft Birchwood Road – Report Filed  
4:59 p.m. Illegal Dumping Brooke Haven Road – Services Rendered  
7:56 p.m. Harassment Campbell Court – Peace Restored

Street – Criminal Complaint  
12:15 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning  
6:02 p.m. Breaking and Entering Past, Residential Barre Paxton Road – Report Filed  
6:55 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Confirmed Misdial

**Friday, May 22**  
12:29 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Main Street – No Action Required  
9:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Thomas M. Jordan, 44, Rutland  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With (Criminal Subsequent Offense); Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting RMV  
Summons: Susan A. Moquin, 41, Worcester  
Unlicensed/Suspended Operation or Motor Vehicle, Permit; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Registration Sticker Missing  
10:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Carly Circle – Officer Spoke to Party  
12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning  
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning  
1:02 p.m. Suspicious Activity Memorial Drive – Officer Spoke to Party  
1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Citation Issued  
2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning  
2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Citation Issued  
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning  
2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning  
2:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Citation Issued  
3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Citation Issued  
3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning  
4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning  
4:12 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Central Tree Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning  
4:51 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Vanessa Circle – Transported to Hospital  
5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued  
5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued  
5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued  
8:16 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Campbell Street Tower – No Action Required  
11:57 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent East Hill Road – Investigated

**Saturday, May 23**  
11:18 a.m. Suspicious Activity Whitehall Road – Officer Advised  
12:39 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Unknown – Services Rendered  
1:11 p.m. Fire, Arcing Wires East Hill Road – Services Rendered  
2:29 p.m. Property Damage Nancy Drive – Report Filed  
7:32 p.m. Alarm, Residential Maple Avenue – Building Checked/Secured

**Sunday, May 24**  
1:48 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Sycamore Drive – Transported to Hospital

## Hardwick Police Log

**Monday, May 11**  
3:29 p.m. Initiated – Stolen Motor Vehicle Greenwich Road – Spoken To  
10:44 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Report Taken

**Tuesday, May 12**  
2:26 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Services Rendered  
10:34 a.m. 911 – Disturbance Bridge Street – Verbal Only  
2:29 p.m. Initiated – Fire, Brush Lower Road – Investigated  
6:11 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, May 13**  
9:28 a.m. 911 – Misdial Turkey Street – Services Rendered  
3:15 p.m. Radio – Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Report Taken

**Thursday, May 14**  
10:09 a.m. 911 – Assist Other Agency Common Street – No Action Required

3:26 p.m. 911 – Fire, Illegal Burn/ Permit Church Street – Extinguished

**Friday, May 15**  
1:32 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Railroad Lane – Transported to Hospital  
8:28 p.m. Phone – Assist Other Agency Ware – Transferred Call to C3  
8:32 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Unknown Outcome  
8:46 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Petersham Road – Unknown Outcome  
8:54 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Prouty Lane – Unknown Outcome  
8:59 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Unknown Outcome  
9 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Lower Road – Officer Handled  
9:36 p.m. 911 –Safety Hazard Petersham Road – Unknown Outcome  
10:04 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Patrill Hollow Road – Removed Hazard  
10:23 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Jackson Road – Unfounded

**Saturday, May 16**  
12:17 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Ridge Road – Unknown Outcome  
11:25 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Lower Road – Officer Handled  
4:25 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
11:06 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity North Street – Spoken To

**Sunday, May 17**  
5:06 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Greenwich Road – Officer Handled  
10:09 a.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Bridge Street – Negative Contact  
1:34 p.m. 911 – Gun Shots Greenwich Road – Spoken To  
2:25 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital  
7:08 p.m. Phone – Property Damage Parker Court – Services Rendered  
7:10 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Prospect Street – Services Rendered

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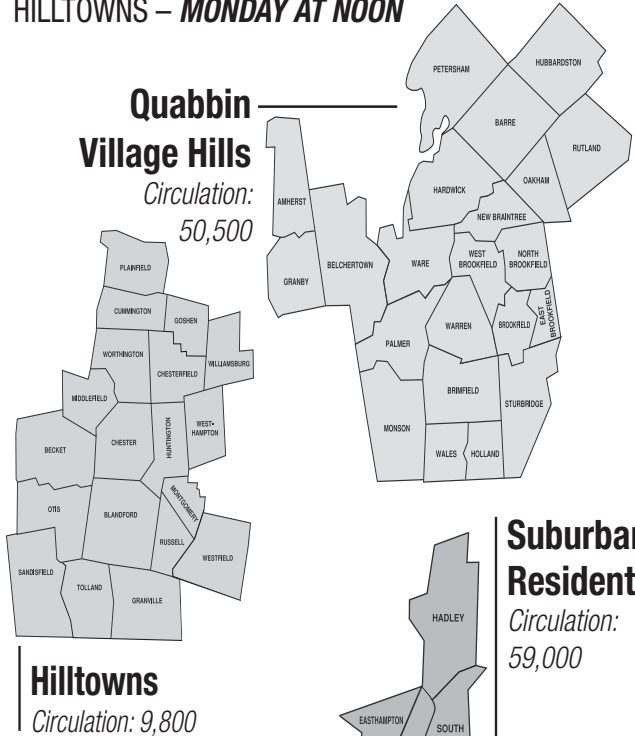
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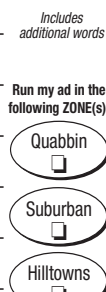
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# Haston Library to offer curbside service starting June 1

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# Historical society lists cancellations

ORANGE – Orange Historical Society will not be holding the customary Breakfast on the Porch fundraiser this summer, due to COVID-19 pandemic. This will severely impact the society's ability to care for and maintain the French Weymouth House on North Main Street where the society's collections of Orange Artifacts are stored. Right now the society has also postponed its weekly open house tours of the building, as it would be difficult to sterilize and disinfect between tours. The Annual Memorial Day Program at Quabbin Cemetery was cancelled, so the Orange Historical Society will not be making an appearance and receiving a stipend for participation. All of this

adversely affects the society's ability to maintain the collection and the property, which are such a treasure trove of information about Orange. The society is planning to continue the annual fuel raffle, with modifications, probably limiting the prize to 100 gallons of oil or cash. More information on this raffle will be forthcoming. As always, new memberships and donations to the Orange Historical Society are important to insure continuation of its activities. People may check out the website at [www.orange-historicalsociety.org](http://www.orange-historicalsociety.org) or call Kathy or Frank Schiappa, Sandi Eklund, Ingrid and Walter Pollard or Maureen Riendeau for information.

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